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this body, back to big decision. You should share in it and that is all we are saying here is we want reaffirmation that you trust the Executive Board. Senator Kremer did a beautiful job of explaining it. Senator Stromer explained some of the feelings on the Executive Board. We need that support from you this morning to say that the day to day operation of the small things, your services. You elected nine of us, therefore, if we have a vote of five to four, we'll have to trust it here until one of you get on the floor and say we're not satisfied and then you overrule us. But on the watercups, the bic pens, these are things I think you want us to decide and that is what we are going to do here today with this vote.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Snyder, then Senator Warner.

SENATOR SNYDER: Mr. President, members of the body, interesting dialogue here this morning. I am not against, at all, the Executive Board making these type of decisions especially regarding watercups, but the reaffirmation of trust is an interesting phrase. It's one that has been kind of alluded to by some other people here this morning. I believe in the Executive Board. I believe in allowing these men that we have elected from the body to make these types of decisions and I'm, I think that I'm speaking for other people here. All we're asking is what Senator Mahoney just referred to. When you get to an item of big business, at least let us know, at least let us know, and we have had a couple of debates here in the last few days and I'm willing to reaffirm my trust as such but I think that some of the members of the Executive Board that have spoken, in essence, are admitting that they are, to a degree, on some type of probation from the body. So, I'm willing to say, "Yes, Executive Board, certainly. You take care of these day to day things but don't think that you've got a blank check from the body".

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Warner. We still have before us Senator Carpenter's motion.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I've had for a long time a strong feeling the need to strengthen the leadership position. I took a very active part in changing the rules to give the Speaker more powers following my time because I felt it was necessary to assist the body in its work and I support a strong Executive Board. But I think we have to talk, not about the extremes, but every detail that comes to this body or only the great big ones, and these are the relative things. I don't know necessarily what the big decision is or what a little decision may be. I'm not hesitant to vote if the motion is--means that I'm voting a personal vote of confidence in the members of the Exec. Board. I would not hesitate to do that at all. If, on the other hand, the motion is to mean that I indicate that I will accept or agree with every future decision of the Executive Board whether it be on a five to four vote or a 9 - 0 vote for or against. Then I could not support the measure because I think every member must reserve his right of dissent whether it is on a policy matter only affecting the Legislature or if it is on legislation and I will have a motion on the desk, it is on the desk, which expands not involving the Executive Board but it does discuss the question of what we are continually faced with--the discussion of legislation which came up yesterday which is somewhat in the same area. So, I think in conclusion, perhaps, because I'm not sure as to what the intent of the Resolution is or the motion, I, probably, would vote no at this point but not for reasons of lack of confidence in any given member of the Board or the Board collectively. But I think each member does have a right to dissent with the decisions and on that basis I would not support the motion but not, in any way, because of questioning any of the decisions, integrity or any appropriate adjective of individual members of the committee or collectively